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The Huntersville Road and the Seneca Trail join at Marlinton and form a T square. The weary way-worn tourist working his painful way north, whatever comes to the bridge at Marlinton has the choice of two routes as far as Huttonsville, in Randolph county, thirty six miles by the Seneca Trail, and somewhat longer by the Huntersville road. By the Huntersville road you travel by the bow, and by the Seneca Trail by the string of the bow. Both routes are first class highways by the new road plans of West Virginia. Pocahontas was the most favored of all the fifty five counties by this road law. This was largely due to the fact that Pocahontas county has a longer part of the state line than any other county. About seventy five miles of the dividing line between West Virginia and Virginia. Pocahontas seals the border.

This arrangement of roads prevailed during the Civil war and it played a great part in the movement of troops and the battles. Our busy years were 1861 when the confederates won on points, and in 1862 when the federals won with a knock out on Deep Mountain.

The intervening year was one of great pain and privation in Pocahontas county but the battles were not important enough to get much notice from historians owing to the great activities in other fields.

But it seems about as good a place as any to drag that campaign in here and set it up among the annals of the war centering around Huntersville, the county seat of Pocahontas county.

The year 1862 drew towards front time with the federals in command of Randolph county with armies at Huttonsville and at Beverly and from there to the North. The confederates went into winter quarters in control of Pocahontas county, with most of the Green Bank company of the 31st Virginia, in the upper end of the county, and with Captain W. L. McNeel's company, of the 19th Cavalry with headquarters at Mill Point. This company was largely recruited from the Lewis and Edgar districts, and they were at home for the winter. They subsisted largely by reason of being at home, but they kept military rules all through the winter.

The winter troops in Randolph lived luxuriously with the best of food, horses, clothes and equipment. They were veteran soldiers. They knew about camp life and the battlefield. It was the last great war of the horses. "If you want to have a good time, join the cavalry," was a favorite war song. The soldiers made much of their horses. That winter their fine mounts were trained to jump fences and timber and make long galloping races. There was not much to do except keep an eye on the roads into Pocahontas county, and once in a while a regiment would be sent on a circuit around by Huntersville to put the fear of God in the hearts of the confederates.

That was the year that every youth in the county kept watch on the roads that led to Huttonsville, and whenever by day or night the head of a blue column came in sight like a Paul Revere ahead of the invading army spreading the news that the Yankees were coming. Then there was a hurrying to and fro. The men would drive the cattle and other live stock to hiding places in the woods and ascent themselves from their families, sleeping in the forests.

The winter campaign lasted from November to April and it was an unusually hard winter. It was the winter of the big snow until that record was beaten in the winter of 1860-1. The last of April, 1863, still saw twenty inches of snow lying on Cheat Mountain.

The local warfare of that winter consisted in reprisal affairs starting from the expedition led by Gen. B. H. Milroy in November, 1862, to the expedition of Gen. J. D. Imboden in April which drove the federal armies out of Huttonsville and Beverly and caused them to fall back to Phillippi and Buckhannon.

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When McNeel's company got back as far as Marlinton Bottom bridge, Captain McNeel spoke to Lieut. Rowland and said to him, "I am going to exchange you on honor. You take that horse and ride to your command and when you get there send George McNeel back here in exchange for yourself." The officer, gladly consented. Almost at the same minute, Major Flesher was saying to George McNeel: "Ride home and exchange yourself for Rowland."

These soldiers met on Elk mountain in the night time and stopped and talked over the state of the war and traded horses and went on their way. Gen. M. J. McNeel is the only survivor, I know of, at this time.

When Captain Walt Allen leaped out of the upstairs window into the snow, his room mate George McKeever remained in the room. The confederates believing that all the soldiers in the house had made a break for liberty, did not search the house, but prepared to retreat, and an order was given to fall in. McKeever hearing it came down the stairs and went out in the darkness among them, and fell in line as if he belonged to the troop. He was the last to go through the gate out in the pike. Just then he heard someone say: "Is that you George?" And while he was making up his mind what to say, one George Hill answered for him. The soldiers marched back towards their rooms and McKeever got to the rear of the column and went over a convenient bank and made good his escape.

The occurrence was one of great moment to the people of this county shut in by the snow and the winter from the more active fields of war. The report that Major Flesher made was not well received at all. He was severely criticised for allowing himself to be surprised and cut up in the way that he was. More than all they considered the effect it would have on the confederate morale for instead of putting the fear of the Lord into their hearts, the expedition came off second best. The fourteen prisoners were allowed to return to their commands.

The report was made to Gen. A. Moor, commanding the Northern Brigade at Buckhannon. His report is short and incoherent. His closing words are: "Considering the unfavorable state of the weather, the march and exposure have been unprecedented during the war." What it looks like he started to say was that considering the state of the weather, he did doggoned well to get back with any survivors at all, and that is what we say.

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Mary Gibson was loyal to the union. About this time she and another girl dressed up in blue uniforms and went to the house of a prominent confederate and captured him and made him take the oath of allegiance to the United States. He found out soon afterwards and was inclined to raise the devil about it.

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